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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

The victim has been identified as: Howard Johnson, (29), B/M, of Irondale, Alabama.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to 812 Avenue G on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and found a person lying in the hallway of the residence suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests that a domestic-related argument took place inside of the residence prior to the victim being shot. A person of interest remained on the scene and was taken into custody for questioning.

If there is anyone who has additional information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

This is Birmingham's 26th homicide investigation of 2021 with 2 justifiable death Investigations. The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

\*\*The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\*

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